

EPA Region 8 Implementation of Regional Haze Rule for Montana

Stakeholder Meeting

August 23, 2006

Billings, Montana



Background

- On June 19, 2006, EPA received a letter from Richard Oppen, Director, MDEQ
- The letter withdrew the State's efforts to adopt the provisions of the Regional Haze Rule (RHR) as required under 40 CFR 51.308
- EPA Region 8 is moving forward with the technical and policy work needed to implement the RHR requirements as part of a Federal Implementation Plan

EPA Implementation

- EPA is picking up where the State left off in process
 - The State and EPA have been long-term participants in the WRAP
 - The State had begun the BART process
- EPA will be addressing the same requirements the State would have addressed under 40 CFR 51.308
- The two main areas of emission reductions and control measures under the RHR:
 - BART
 - Long-term strategies/reasonable progress

Tentative EPA BART Schedule

Now to September 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ EPA review of State files and correspondence with sources that may be subject to BART rule.➤ Determine additional information needed from sources➤ State will complete processing of surface 2001-2003 meteorology data for CALPUFF modeling
September to October 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Send out information request letters to sources we still need information from➤ Process met data for CALPUFF modeling➤ Begin modeling sources with complete data
October to November 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Integrate information from source responses to information requests into modeling files➤ Complete CALPUFF runs
November 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Prepare report/tabulations of modeling results➤ Send notification letter to sources on modeling results and “subject to BART” determination

Tentative EPA BART Schedule (con't)

February 2007	➤BART analyses from sources due
May 2007	➤Letter to sources with EPA's comments on BART analyses and EPA's preliminary BART determination
June 2007	➤Response to EPA's comments on BART determination due
July 2007	➤EPA issues letter to sources with final BART determination decision

Long-Term Strategy/Reasonable Progress

- Ongoing analysis and consideration of other control measures to meet the requirements of reasonable progress and long-term strategies.
- Rule requires consideration of controls for other major and minor stationary sources, mobile sources, and area sources.

Additional Planning

- EPA plans on completing development of the plan by December 2007
- EPA will work to maintain open communication with stakeholders
- Future stakeholder meetings, conference calls
- Currently developing an EPA website where public documents can be viewed